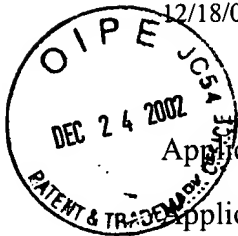


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[X] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)	(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	(COL. 4)	(COL. 5)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	32	MINUS	* 32	0
INDEP	3	MINUS	** 3	0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 9	\$ 0
X	\$ 42	\$ 0
+	\$ 140	\$ 0

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X	\$ 18	\$ 0
X	\$ 84	\$ 0
+	\$ 280	\$ 0

TOTAL = \$ 0

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for the following fees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Petition for [] month Extension of Time	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment Fee	\$ _____
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	_____	\$ _____
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A check is enclosed in payment of the following fees:

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	TOTAL:	\$ 0

[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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